

SAFESTAT REPORT

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Overview

As you will see when you review the statistics that are in this report the Northern Command had a very busy month.

The Division was given direction by Director Togliatti to reduce the burden of statistics collection at the Trooper level. Given this direction, the required information collected by the Troopers on a daily basis was drastically reduced. This reduction will allow the Troopers to spend more time on the road performing proactive enforcement instead of filling out forms in the office.

This additional time gave the men and women of the Northern Command additional time for proactive enforcement. This additional time along with their hard work showed dramatic increases in enforcement for September. Speed violation enforcement increased 32%, hazardous moving enforcement increased 35.9% and occupant restraint enforcement increased 67.3%. This along with other categories produced an overall increase of 94.1%.

Crashes within the command increased this month. Property damage crashes increased 30%, injury crashes increased 7% and fatal crashes increased by only one occurrence. The overall increase in crashes is 21.6%.

Construction continues on the major roadways in the Reno area. Re-construction of the Spaghetti Bowl continues and is causing major traffic tie ups in the morning commute continuing all day until after the evening commute. The additional load on the roadway from the "Street Vibrations" event increased the work load on our officers. There continues to be a significant amount of construction on the rural roadways.

The Northern Command will continue to do the best work possible with the limited number of officers available. We will continue to try new programs to best utilize the resources the command has available to it.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	September 2004		September 2003	% Change		August 2004	% Change
Total Crashes	400		377	6.4%		329	21.6%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	273		250	9.2%		210	30.0%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	123		127	-3.1%		115	7.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	5		0	500%		4	25.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	15		9	66.7%		16	-6.3%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	6		0	600%		6	0.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0		0	0.0%		1	-100%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		0	100%		1	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	4		0	400%		1	300%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		0	0.0%		1	-100%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1		0	100%		2	-50%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	9		6	50%		15	-40.0%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	6		6	0.0%		10	-40.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		0	300%		5	-40.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.2%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.7%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 20%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 2.2%

- Total crashes increased by 71 or 21.6%
 - The greatest increase was in property damage crashes.
 - Injury crashes increased as well.
 - Six persons were killed in five fatal crashes.
 - Alcohol related crashes decreased by 6.3%.
- Commercial vehicle involved crashes dropped significantly.
 - There was an equal decrease in property crashes and injury crashes.
 - There were no commercial vehicle fatalities.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	September 2004		September 2003	% Change		August 2004	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes **	15		9	66.7%		16	-6.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes **	72		95	-24.2%		86	-16.3%
Other Arrests	348		449	-22.5%		329	5.8%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) **	177		176	0.6%		169	4.7%
Speed violations	2383		2205	8.1%		1805	32.0%
Hazardous moving violations	845		847	-0.2%		622	35.9%
Occupant restraint violations *	368		294	25.2%		220	67.3%
Total violations [above violations included]	8434		5227	61.4%		4346	94.1%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	9		20	-55%		14	-35.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	37		53	-30.2%		9	311.1%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6]	892		557	60.1%		558	59.9%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		0	100%		0	100%
Total safety violations -- citation	338		559	-39.5%		271	24.7%
Total safety violations -- repair order	2177		1000	117.7%		1322	64.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	153		50	206.0%		105	45.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	61		20	205.0%		39	56.4%
Total school buses inspected	30		188	-84.0%		75	-60.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	2		22	-90.9%		9	-77.8%
Total trucks weighed	314		293	7.2%		121	159.5%
Total overweight citations	23		62	-62.9%		13	76.9%
Total dyed fuel inspections	381		621	-38.6%		288	32.3%
Total dyed fuel citations	6		3	100%		4	50.0%

* Seat belt and child restraint

** Commercial Enforcement Activity Included

- Overall enforcement activity increased by 94.1%.
 - There was a decrease in DUI involved crashes of 6.3%.
 - There was a decrease in DUI arrests prior to crashes of 16.3%.
 - There was an increase in total persons arrested of 4.7%.
 - There was a sharp increase in speed, hazardous moving and occupant restraint violations cited.
- Total safety inspections conducted by Commercial Enforcement increased by 3.9%
 - Total safety violation citations increased by 8.4%
 - Total safety violation repair orders increased by 8.7%
 - Total vehicles placed out of service increased by 56.7%

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	September 2004		September 2003	% Change		August 2004	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	101,608		128,579	-20.9%		98,267	3.3%
CAD incidents	10,907		11,120	-1.9%		10,142	7.5%
Telephone Calls	NA					NA	
Call Box Incidents [Las Vegas only]							
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	391					305	28.20%
Arrest Reports Processed	176					185	-4.86%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	11					NA	
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	598					681	-12.19%
Warrants Entered	104					380	-72.63%
Warrants Cleared	1133					774	46.38%
Warrants Validated	292					407	-28.26%
Extradition / Transports	29					23	26.1%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	25		49	-49%		31	8.7%
New Items Submitted	26		67	-61.2%		50	-33.3%
Items Disposed	80		65	23.1%		79	1.3%

PUBLIC INFORMATION

Northern Command personnel helped staff several events during the month to include;

- Hispanic Heritage Day on September 12th, an annual event which took place this year at the Reno Hilton.
 - At this event, we had a booth set up with the "recruiting car" and made many contacts to potential department candidates.
- NHP personnel from the traffic and commercial enforcement sections also assisted with the motorcade and traffic control duties to facilitate the visit from Vice President Cheney and his family.
 - This was the third presidential visit to Reno this year and we again received positive feedback from Secret Service personnel regarding the safe and smooth operation of the motorcade.

- In other news, Michael Hohl Motor Co. has included the department on its recent billboard at no cost to the Highway Patrol. It sends a message to motorists to "Please Drive Safely" and it is located on US 395 just south of the Mt Rose junction.
- We continue to do a weekly radio talk show "Trooper Talk", as well as the morning traffic reports on AM 1400.
- Channel 8 News has started doing live televised traffic reports each Monday morning.
 - These presentations will be completed from a different roadside location each week.Lastly, thanks to everyone who helped facilitate the events during the month and for your continued support in the future.

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

- The Northern Command Communication Center worked the following special events this month:
 - Rib Cook Off
 - Balloon Races
 - Air Races
 - Street Vibrations
 - Candy Dance.
- The numerous events are the probable explanation for the increase in both radio transmissions and CAD incidents when compared to last month. The center is pleased to say that all events had sufficient coverage and ran smoothly.
- Testing and interviews were conducted over the last week in an effort to fill the current, and future, vacant positions.
- The center is training two new employees, and is currently recruiting a center manager.

AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

- Aircraft flight time
 - Time Over Sites 30.1 hours
 - Time Enroute to Sites 20.2 hours
 - Prisoner Transports 9.4 hours
 - Prisoner Extradition 0 hours
 - Personnel Transports 4.5 hours
 - Burning Man Patrol 12.6 hours
- There were 10 total enforcement missions flown.
 - Total enforcement activity 416 citations.

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